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Mr. Will Kempton, Director  
California Department of Transportation  
1120 N Street  
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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004/05 FSTIP Amendment No. 5 – Council of Fresno County Governments  
(COFCG) 2004/05 – 2006/07 FTIP

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of Amendment No. 5 to the COFCG's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated July 11, 2005. The COFCG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 2005-23 on June 30, 2005. The federal agencies note that COFCG also adopted Resolution No. 2005-22 on June 30, 2005, amending the COFCG 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and Resolution No. 2005-24 on June 30, 2005, adopting a June Air Quality Conformity Determination that includes a finding in consideration of the above mentioned RTP and FTIP amendments, and reaffirms the conformity of the COFCG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

This amendment was requested by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to modify or add various projects in Fresno County. The projects included in this amendment are funded from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and the Surface Transportation Program.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the COFCG FTIP by this amendment have been considered in COFCG's current regional emissions analysis, do not interfere with the timely implementation of approved Transportation Control Measures, and conform to the applicable SIP. Approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from the CMAQ program.



This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Region IX office of the FTA in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the FTA, Region IX dated July 15, 2004, on Roles and Responsibilities for Multi-mode Amendments.

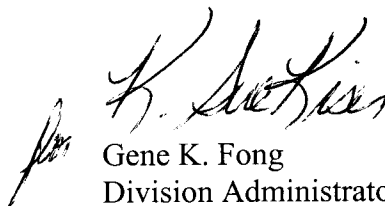
This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the COFCG's FTIP Amendment No. 5 into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Leigh Levine of the FHWA, California Division office at (916) 498-5034, or Paul Page of the FTA at (415) 744-2734.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Leslie T. Rogers*

Leslie T. Rogers  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene K. Fong", is written over a small, faint rectangular stamp.

Gene K. Fong  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration